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REMARKS

In Response to a Restriction Requirement, Applicants previously elected Group I, with traverse. On September 9, 2004, Applicants' undersigned agent received a telephone call from the Examiner. During the call, the Examiner alleged that the term "optionally" in step (p) of claim 18 was indefinite. He also indicated his unwillingness to rejoin elected Group I with Groups II and III.

In an effort to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended the Application. In particular, claim 18 has been amended to delete optional step (p). This subject matter has now been incorporated into new claim 27, which depends from claim 18. Furthermore, Applicants have canceled the claims in Groups II and III (21-26). Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation case.

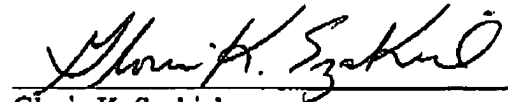
Applicants note that elected Group I now includes claims 18, 19, 20 and 27.

Applicants believe that the Application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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